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Client Reference No. N US00078

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Naoya Hasegawa et al.

Serial No. 09/901,438

Filing Date: July 9, 2001

For: EXCHANGE COUPLING FILM AND  
MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT  
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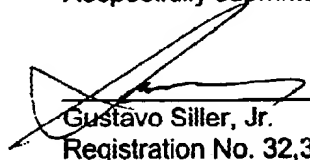
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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on July 9, 2001, but has not yet  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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